

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment- after non-final filed on 12/15/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-12 and 14-17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not disclose, make obvious, or otherwise suggest the structure of the applicant's prediction program, prediction apparatus, and prediction method together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

The dependent claims being further limiting and definite are also allowable. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Luminita A Todor on March 7, 2007.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 18 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-17 remain pending in the application.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

18. (CANCELLED) A method of obtaining information from a community website, comprising:

extracting commodity information from a database according to a chronological value representing date and time as related to date-and-time data pertaining to theme information of the community site and date-and-time information provided by a timer.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-17 are allowed and a central apparatus and network are deemed to be incorporate computer.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior arts of records, neither anticipates nor renders obvious the following limitations as claimed:

As to claims 1-2, 9-11, and 16-17, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest a community site constructing method for constructing a community site on a network, by utilizing a network including a central apparatus which manages a community site and includes a timer unit and a terminal device used by a representative of the community site or a member previously authorized by the representative to have access to the community site, the method comprising:

registering personal information about the representative and theme information of the community site in a basic information database in association with identification information for identifying the representative of the community site;

registering member information about a member in a member information database in association with identification information for identifying the member of the community site;

registering commodity information about commodities to be provided in a commodity database in association with the theme information;

extracting the commodity information from the commodity database based on the theme information registered in the basic information database and a chronological value; and

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transmitting the extracted commodity information from the central apparatus to the terminal device, wherein:

the theme information includes information about the representative, a person related to the representative, a main theme including an event relating to the representative, and date-and time relating to the main theme;

the commodity database has the commodity information about commodities to be provided, registered therein in association with the date-and-time information; and

the chronological value is based on the date-and-time information of the theme information and date-and-time information output from the timer unit.

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Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Belix M. Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-4081. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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